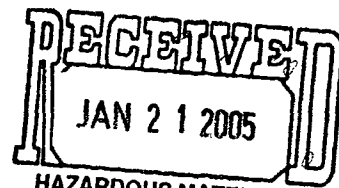


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Via UPS Next Day Delivery

David Allen, Chairman
Dolores County Planning Commission
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Re: Application for Land Development Agreement – Rico Soil Lead Repository

Dear Mr. Allen:

In accordance with the Dolores County Development and Land Use Regulation, please accept this application for a Land Development Agreement to construct and operate a soil lead repository in Dolores County. This application packet consists of a completed Dolores County Application for Land Development Agreement, and the supporting documents described in the Application. To expedite the review and approval process, we are providing five (5) copies of this Application packet to Dolores County.

Rico Properties, LLC, as a representative of Rico Renaissance, LLC, submits this application as Applicant and Owner of the proposed solid waste disposal facility. Atlantic Richfield Company forwards this Application on behalf of Rico Properties, LLC and Rico Renaissance, LLC. The soil repository is one component of the soil removal activities at Rico under a Voluntary Cleanup Plan (VCUP) submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) by Atlantic Richfield Company; Rico Renaissance, LLC; Rico Properties, LLC and the Town of Rico on June 24, 2004. Rico Properties also submitted its application for a Certificate of Designation to Dolores County and CDPHE on December 22, 2004. Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH Inc.) is the technical consultant for the VCUP project, and Atlantic Richfield, as a co-applicant of the VCUP application, is involved with the design and initial construction of the soil repository. Atlantic Richfield therefore fully supports, and is facilitating submittal of this Application to Dolores County for approval of the repository as an essential element of the soil removal efforts in Rico.

It is our understanding that this Application will be placed on the Dolores County Planning Commission's agenda for consideration during its upcoming February 4, 2005 meeting, to initiate the application review and approval process, as well as to approve release of public notice for comments.

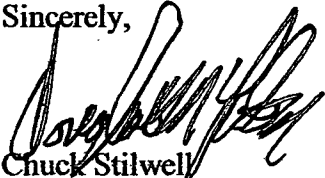
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The VCUP party representatives welcome the opportunity to meet with County representatives at any time to discuss this Application, County requirements and approval of the proposed soil repository. Please feel free to contact the Applicant or me if you have any questions regarding this Application packet and its contents. Also, please direct all comments and communications regarding this Application, the soil repository, and all related matters to both Rico Properties, LLC and Atlantic Richfield Company. On behalf of the VCUP parties, we look forward to working with the County to obtain the required approvals for development of the repository in Spring 2005.

Sincerely,


for Chuck Stilwell
Atlantic Richfield Company

cc: Asteghik Khajetoorians/Atlantic Richfield Company
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